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SUBJ: REACTION OF CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES

REF: STATE 186005; 6870

1. PARA 9 BA 6870 REPORTS CHILEAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS TENDERED RESIGNATION.

2. CHILEAN EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON EVENTS AT HOME. EMBASSY ITSELF, HOWEVER, ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ON SEP 14 WHICH STATED THAT MILITARY JUNTA NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL HAD SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF POPULATION AND INTENDED FULLY TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND CONTINUE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. EMBASSY COMMUNIQUE ALSO DENIED "TENDENTIOUS OPINIONS EXPRESS IN B.A. YESTERDAY CONCERNING SITUATION IN SANTIAGO" - I.E. REPORTS THAT GENERAL PRATS WAS LEADING COUNTER COUP AND THAT MILITARY JUNTA DID NOT YET HAVE CONTROL.

3. EMBASSY SEP 18 PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE OF MILITARY JUNTA WHICH
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IN EFFECT STATED THAT RIGHTS OF ALL FOREIGNERS IN CHILE WOULD

BE RESPECTED SO LONG AS THOSE FOREIGNERS REMAINED WITHIN THE LAW. JUNTA WAS TAKING ACTION ONLY AGAINST THOSE "EXTREMISTS FOREIGN ELEMENTS" WHO HAD ENTERED CHILE DURING PAST FEW YEARS AND WHO WERE NOW PERTURBING SITUATION IN VIOLATION OF THEIR STATUS.

4. COMMENT: THOUGH THERE MAY BE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS IN CHILEAN EMBASSY WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO FALLEN ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION, SEVERAL OF THOSE KNOWN TO US ARE PRIVATELY PLEASED BY MILITARY TAKEOVER AT HOME. EMBASSY COMMUNIQUE NOTED ABOVE, MOREOVER, SUGGEST EMBASSY HERE INTENDS TO FALL IN LINE AND ADHERE FULLY TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW GOVERNMENT.

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